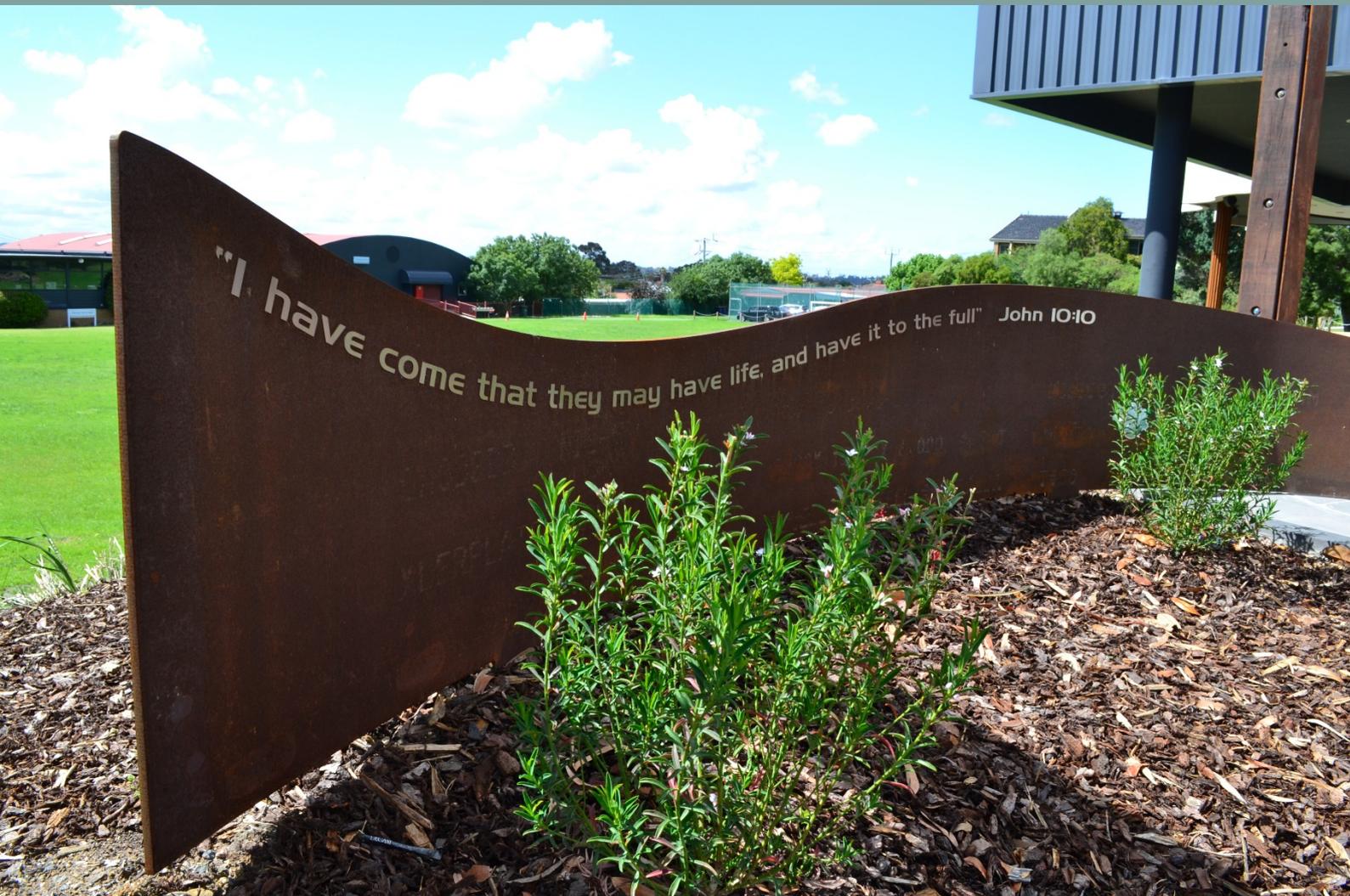


Stepping In. Reaching Out. A Community of Courage.



Greetings to all in the Santa Community



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. You know the story: Mary, disciples, upper room, a mighty wind, tongues of fire. A strange story, and a highly symbolic one. Originating in the Jewish harvest festival, Pentecost marks the process by which the earliest group of Christians

move from being a fearful, silenced, disempowered minority into an outward-facing, courageous community - a community that has something meaningful to say about the diversity and

delight to be found in human living. Pentecost reminds us what a truly inclusive and brave community looks like.

As we prepare for Sorry Day and [National Reconciliation Week](#), as we witness thousands of young people on our streets once more demanding action on climate change, as we witness the treatment of refugees, of our old people, of women, of those with diverse skin colours, abilities or religious backgrounds, we are reminded of where we need to stand if we are to become the community of celebration, of liberation and justice that Jesus of Nazareth intended.



Year 7 VIP Day - Celebrating Relationships and Connectedness



On Thursday 6 May, year 7 students were invited to bring to school a grandparent or other *very important person* in their life. Over 100 guests were in attendance as the students led a ceremony involving prayer, storytelling and singing. At the heart of it was the celebration of relationships in life, particularly those that reach across generations. The morning also included a scrumptious morning tea, and the opportunity for our guests to visit the Year 7 classrooms. To see the delight and pride on the faces of the VIPs made the morning. [Read here](#) some brief comments from a few of the Year 7 students.

'Get your head in the game': Silver Dukes



As our gutsy Year 12 students are signing off on their Gold Duke of Ed Award, our Year 10s are well on their

way to their Silver Award. Their practice camp at King Lake began with Ms Marg Cullinan - legend! - outlining the importance of being focused, of girls having their 'head in the game', as they prepared for the challenges ahead. [Siena Pirruccio](#) fills us in.

Fractal Fun as STEMinists break the Escape Room and Race around the School



Congratulations to Learning Captain Violet Boltin and her team for a wonderful week of activities bringing Math to the masses. Click [here](#) for a full breakdown of Math Week activities.

Village News: Years 11-12

It's action stations in the senior village. Year 11 students are preparing for their end of semester exams, the GAT is looming on the horizon, Street Retreats are bringing issues of homelessness and social justice to fore, and preparations are well underway for the upcoming year 12 Retreat Day. More details [here](#).

SantaLink Trivia Night

Following the wildly successful Mother's Day High Tea, SantaLink's next planned event is a [Trivia Night](#) on 18 June. Get your team and table sorted and jump on this link to book: <https://www.trybooking.com/763195>

Mother's Day High Tea



Over 400 women and their daughters - and a few men! - celebrated Mother's Day at the SantaLink High Tea last Friday afternoon. Click [here](#) for words of thanks and a big shout out to local businesses who supported this event.

Humanities in Focus



How we make sense of the world, how we make choices based on information from the sciences and maths, the degree to which we learn from the past and build communities based on key values--these are all the purview of the Humanities. Learning Leaders, Brady Driscoll and Brad Denny give us a glimpse of [what's happening](#) in this crucial field.

College Production

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**THURSDAY 20TH MAY
& FRIDAY 21ST MAY
6PM & 8:15PM**

**SATURDAY 22ND MAY
1PM, 3:15PM & 7PM**

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: CAROLYN MCCARTHY
PRODUCER/DIRECTOR: JUDY BAGG
PRODUCER/DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT: JESSICA FARMER
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: DARRON BRINTON
VOCAL DIRECTOR: ROCKY LOPREVITE
DANCE DIRECTOR: JAMES SHANNON
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1901-1902

The wonderful college musical, *Spirit of the Theatre, Broadway Lives On*, is underway and wowing packed houses. You can try your luck at some stray tickets for the Friday and Saturday shows by clicking: [trybooking.com/BPXEX](https://www.trybooking.com/BPXEX)

SMC Music Academy

This wonderful initiative by our music department invites students from Years 3-6 to gain specialist tuition from department staff in voice and instrumental music. Come and Try Night is happening on 2 June. More info [here](#).

Students Strike 4 Climate and Laudato Si



This Friday 21 May will see thousands of school students gathering at the Treasury Gardens, Melbourne, and in other cities around the country, to stand in solidarity on the issue of climate change. Some of our Santa Maria students will be present.

The Strike 4 Climate comes just after our SMC Environment Week, and also falls within Laudato Si Week, the Catholic Church's official call for immediate action on climate change. While this is not a school excursion as such, the college has a deep commitment to stewardship and protection of the Earth.

Students leaving school for the 1pm event will need a signed note from a parent or guardian and must sign out at student services on their way to the tram or train. Students should follow Covid Safe [requirements](#) regarding masks and social distancing.

